

individual conductor to hold the conductor fixed in the housing such that the conductive clip electrically joins each conductor of the two or more incoming wires; and

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a conductive extension in shorting electrical engagement with the clip and extending through a housing wall to an exterior of the housing.

Amend claim 7 to read as follows:

7. (Twice amended) A method of electrically connecting two or more wires having conductors to a common terminus, comprising the steps of providing a push-in wire connector having a conductive clip inside an insulative housing, providing a conductive extension electrically shorted to the clip and extending to an exterior of the housing, pushing stripped ends of the conductors of the first and second wires into the housing and into engagement with the clip, and attaching the extension to said terminus.

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Amend claim 8 to read as follows:

8. (Twice amended) A method of electrically connecting two or more wires having conductors to a common terminus, comprising the steps of providing an insulation displacement connector having a conductive clip inside an insulative housing, providing a conductive extension electrically shorted to the clip and extending to an exterior of the housing, placing first and second wires adjacent the clip, closing the housing to force the wires' conductors into engagement with the clip, and attaching the extension to said terminus.

REMARKS

Regarding the rejection under § 112, applicant respectfully submits that the limitation "conductive extension in shorting electrical engagement with the clip" does not contain new matter. A shorting electrical contact is a low resistance connection across a voltage source. As shown in the drawings, in particular Figs. 3, 4 and 6, the electrical connection